

MINUTES  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting  
March 2, 2006  
9:35 a.m.  
CHE Conference Room

Committee Members Present

Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Mr. Jim Konduros  
Mr. Dan Ravenel  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Neal Workman

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Larry Durham

CHE Members Present

Dr. Layton McCurdy  
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller

Guests Present

Mr. Reggie Adams  
Mr. Bill Bragdon  
Dr. Janice Cannan  
Mr. Robert Connelly  
Dr. Anthony Coyne

Mr. Craig Hess  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Mr. Scott Ludlow  
Mr. John Malmorse  
Ms. Beth McInnis  
Ms. Diane Newton  
Ms. Jennifer Pearce  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Ms. Christine Smalls  
Dr. Richard Weldon  
Mr. Bob Wells

Staff Present

Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Alyson Goff  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Ms. Jan Stewart

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Ms. Byerly, chair of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, called the meeting to order. Mr. Glenn introduced the guests in attendance. The following matters were reported on:

**I. Approval of Minutes of Meetings on January 19 and February 2, 2006**

Since there were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the meetings on January 19 and February 2, the minutes were approved as written.

**II. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects**

Ms. Byerly described the projects and asked Ms. Metcalf to provide any additional information she believed would be beneficial to the committee. The following projects were presented and discussed:

a. Clemson University

Rhodes Hall Annex Construction  
(A&E only)

\$ 1,000,000    -establish project

b. Coastal Carolina University

1.) Instructional Space Renovation	\$ 4,323,000	-establish project
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Dr. Forbes noted the institution was coming off of old debt and asked whether or not the institution would be able to assume this new debt without increasing tuition. The institutional representatives replied that Dr. Forbes was correct.

2.) Deferred Maintenance	\$ 2,013,000	-establish project
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Mr. Ravenel noted the institution had made a decision to maintain its level of deferred maintenance. Dr. Horner stated the project would put several buildings in shape, and the institution would be able to maintain the level of deferred maintenance. Mr. Sanders asked if the project would allow Coastal to catch up on its deferred maintenance. Dr. Weldon said the project would address a significant amount of the 70 total deferred maintenance projects.

Mr. Workman asked if the institution knew its total deferred maintenance needs. Ms. Metcalf responded that the Commission used to publish a yearly report on deferred maintenance. She stated the last official report was completed in 2003, but she had draft numbers for the most recent year. Mr. Ravenel stated that Coastal was an example of how the problems of deferred maintenance should be addressed.

Mr. Sanders asked if the \$11.3 million institution bond would address only deferred maintenance. Dr. Horner replied that it would. Mr. Sanders asked if a life-cycle cost analysis was used. Dr. Weldon stated the institution had plans for upgrades over the next seven years and had several studies to support their plans.

3.) Campus Development/Infrastructure	\$ 2,300,000	-establish project
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4.) Athletic Training Facility – Phase II	\$ 5,235,000	-increase project
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Mr. Sanders asked when the project first originated. Dr. Horner answered that it first began in 2003. Mr. Sanders and Mr. Workman both questioned if the time required to get projects approved affected the total project cost. Dr. Horner replied that project started out small, but coaches and the booster club requested an increased project scope. She noted the requests were supported by gift funds to the project. Dr. Horner also noted the football program at Coastal is relatively new.

There was a discussion about the increased costs of time delays due to a lack of State funding.

5.) Student Center Deferred Maintenance	\$ 618,000	-increase project
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c. SC State University

Campus-wide Building Misc. Repairs	\$ 1,500,000	-increase budget
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Ms. Byerly noted that the majority of the buildings at the institution were in desperate need of repairs. Mr. Ravenel asked what portion of the project would be directed toward the library. Mr. Adams stated the institution planned to add a wing to the library and then renovate. Mr. Ravenel noted that the library was in the worst condition of any library in the State.

It was moved (Ravenel), seconded (Workman), and voted to approve the projects.

### **III. Information Item**

Medical University of South Carolina  
Notification of Sale of Land

### **IV. Other Business**

Ms. Metcalf gave a tutorial on the Mission Resource Requirement (MRR) and answered questions. A discussion occurred about the funding methodology.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson M. Goff  
Recorder

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